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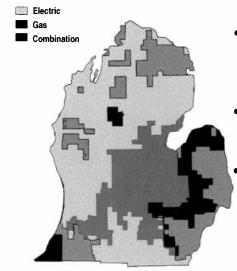
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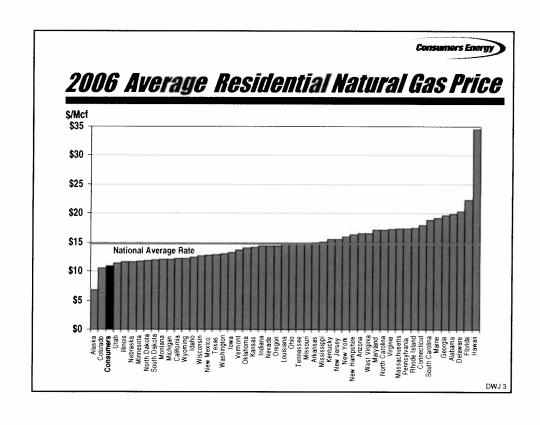
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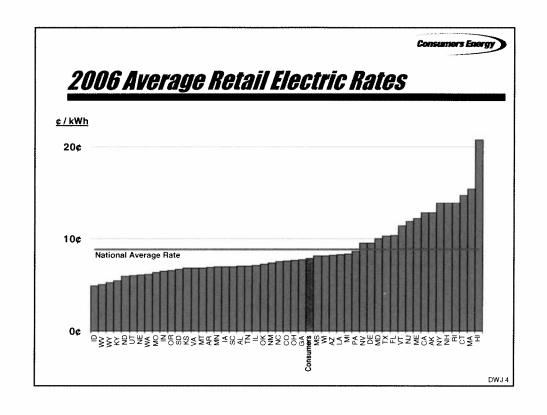
- Consumers Energy state of the business
- Meeting Michigan's energy needs
- Impact of PA 141

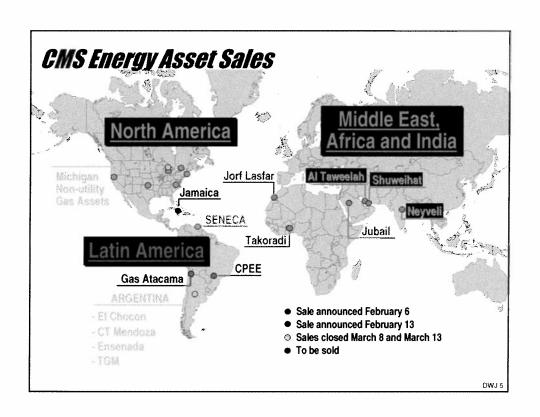


- Provides reliable electric and natural gas service to 6.5 million of the state's 10 million residents
- Recognized for superior service

 winner of J. D. Power awards
 for 3 of the past 5 years
- Competitive rates







Consumers Energy Investment

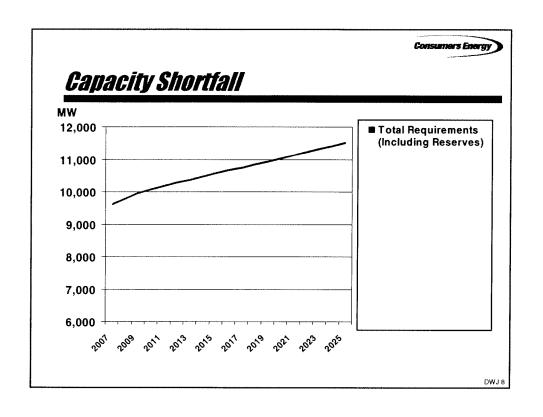
- Prepared to invest in Michigan
- · Improve gas and electric distribution reliability
- Invest in technology to:
 - improve customer service
 - better manage electric demand
- Invest in needed new power plants in Michigan

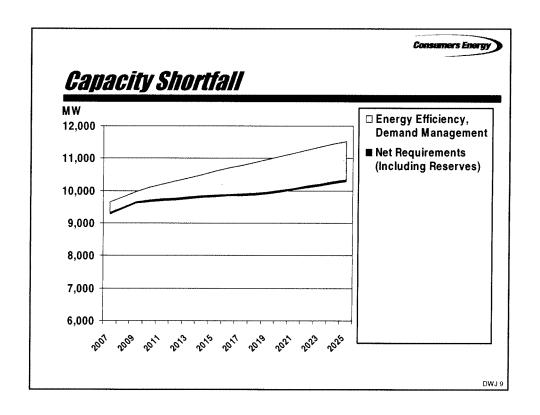
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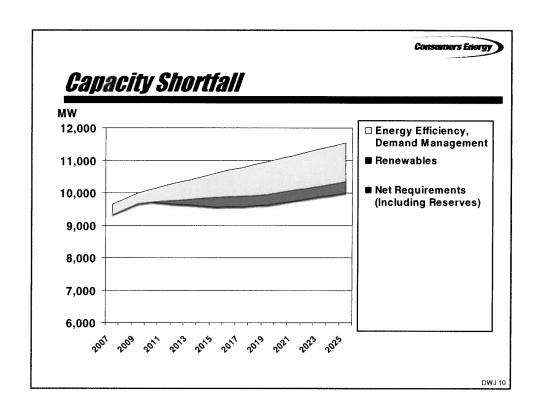
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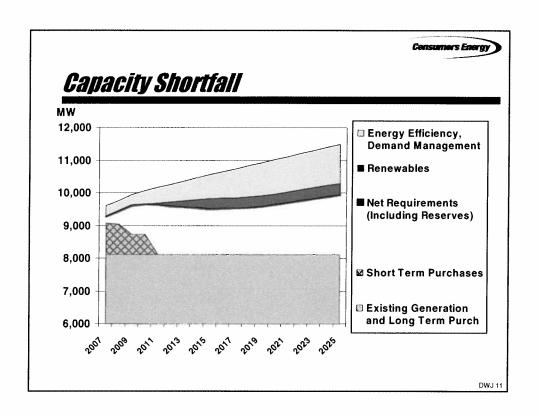
21st Century Energy Plan

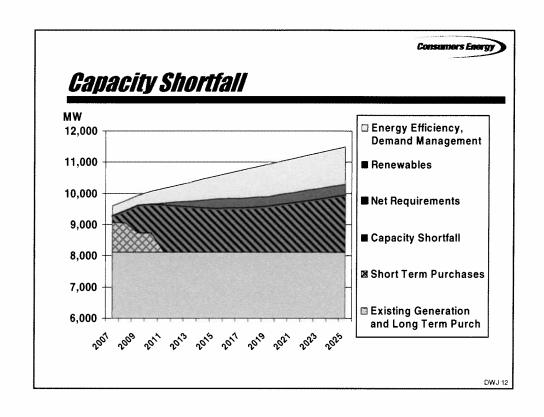
- Foundation for comprehensive energy policy legislation
- Concludes Michigan faces electric supply shortfall

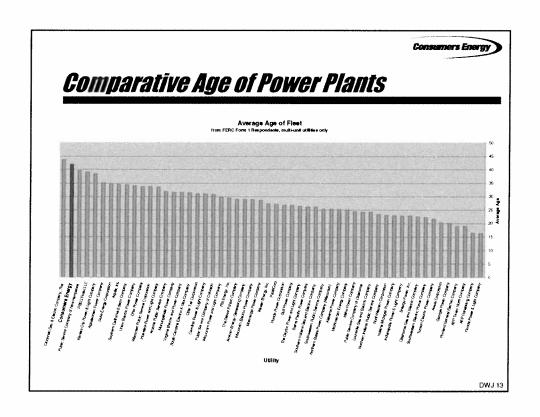


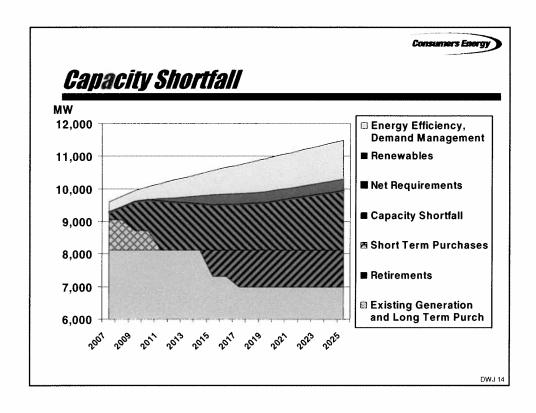












Balanced Energy Initiative

- Responsive to the 21st Century Energy Plan
- Extensive analysis of alternatives to meet customer energy needs
- Advocates energy efficiency, conservation and demand management
- Proposes expansion of Green Generation
- · Details plan for new generating plants
- Identifies needed policy changes



PA 141

- Intended to move state to open-market system
- Created hybrid regulatory structure
- Fewer than one out of every 3,000 of our customers chooses different supplier (<3 percent of our load)
- Hybrid structure does not support investment in new baseload capacity

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PA 141 Alternatives

- Fully deregulate electric generation
- Retain but limit and modify hybrid model
- Return to traditional regulation



Full Deregulation

- Maximizes competition
- · Customers exposed to higher and more volatile costs
- Some states returning to regulation

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Limit and Modify "Hybrid"

- Restrictions on returning customers
 - notice period
 - market-based prices
- Future "choice" customers bear share of new generation costs
- Limit customer load on choice
- · Level playing field
 - e eliminate rate subsidies
 - consistent environmental requirements
 - consistent taxes
 - consistent reserve requirements

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Traditional Regulation

- MPSC oversight
- Pre-approval process for new generation
- Minimizes financing costs